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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8039

BILL NUMBER: SB 350

DATE PREPARED: Apr 12, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Apr 11, 2001

SUBJECT: Special Group Recognition License Plate Program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill: (1) authorizes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to adopt rules to establish requirements for participation in the special group recognition license plate program. It specifies that when a petition containing certain information is submitted to the Bureau, the Bureau may issue to the members of the special group a special group recognition license plate;

(2) provides that the BMV may not request a list of names and addresses from special group labor unions which are prohibited by their constitution from disclosing names and addresses. It removes the requirement that a person who purchases a state educational institution trust license plate give consent for the name and address of the purchaser for the purpose of acknowledgment by the state educational institution;

(3) provides that a former Prisoner of War license plate may display the official international wheelchair symbol in certain circumstances;

(4) provides that a Disabled Veteran license plates may display the official international wheelchair symbol in certain circumstances.

(5) makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: (Amended) July 1, 2001; January 1, 2002; January 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) (1) The impact of this provision could potentially reduce the BMV costs associated with the issuance of special group recognition license plates. It also provides for more control by the BMV of issuing special recognition license plates. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

(2) This part will have no fiscal impact on the BMV.

(3) & (4) *Fiscal Impact of Prisoner of War and Disabled Veteran License Plate Changes*: This bill will require the creation of one new former Prisoner of War license plate and two new Disabled Veteran license plates to comply with the requirement of displaying the international wheelchair symbol. Currently, there are two types of Disabled Veteran License plates, based on the amount of disability. Type 1 is based on 100% disability; Type 2 is everyone else. These plates are considered Special License Plates.

There would be additional expenses for the Prison Enterprise Network (PEN Products), the manufacturing arm of prison-made products, to make these plates. Their charges to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) would be based on the number of colors in the design as shown in the schedule below:

Colors	Set-Up Charges	Price Per Plate (99-01)
1	\$105	\$3.90
2	170	4.00
3	235	4.10
4	300	4.30
5	365	4.60
6	430	5.00

Additional charges include \$75 per color for any special colors that are not included in PEN's ten standard colors. If PEN Products does the artwork, there is a \$45 per hour charge. When the artwork is provided by the customer the set-up fee is \$17.50. Origination fees include the film positives and the silk screen charges. The fund affected for PEN Products is PEN Products Revolving Fund. The fund affected for the BMV is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV. There will computer and accounting changes for the BMV. The total fiscal impact will depend upon the number of plates issued. In CY 2000, there were 813 former POW license plates issued and 5,333 Disabled Veteran license plates issued. There will be computer and accounting changes for the BMV. These are estimated at \$31,000. The fund affected for PEN Products is PEN Products Revolving Fund. The fund affected for the BMV is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Department of Correction (PEN Products).

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Melanie Schwartz, Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 233-1218; Bureau of Motor Vehicles plate sales for 2000.